

# BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTIES CHILD HEALTH NOTES:

*Benton Franklin Counties Child Health Notes is distributed by Benton Franklin Health District. This newsletter provides primary health care providers with current information regarding identification and management of special health issues for children. Contributing agencies and programs include: BFHD, State of Washington Department of Health and University of Washington - Center on Human Development and Disability. More information is available at [http://depts.washington.edu/medhome/CHN/CHN\\_home.htm](http://depts.washington.edu/medhome/CHN/CHN_home.htm)*



## “CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF CARE” FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

The Critical Elements of Care (CEC) documents are information booklets designed to highlight health care issues for children with selected health conditions less commonly, even rarely, seen in the primary care practice setting and requiring more than standard well-child care. The CECs generally look at the needs of a patient over the pediatric lifespan – birth to 21 years of age.

Comment on the CEC for the Low Birth Weight NICU Graduate:

*“Congratulations on a superb document. Very concise and complete...”*

Marilee Allen, MD  
Johns Hopkins University

The following Critical Elements of Care are currently available to primary care practices:

- Cerebral Palsy
- Cleft Lip and Palate – (being adopted by the National Cleft Lip and Palate Association)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Low Birth Weight Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Graduate
- Sickle Cell Disease

## How Were the CECs Developed?

The State of Washington Department of Health - Children with Special Health Care Needs Program conducted a survey of physicians throughout the state looking for ways to decrease barriers for children with complex or special health problems and their families access to care in their local communities. Primary care physicians indicated a need for concise information on conditions seen infrequently in their patient population. In response, the Department of Health funded the development of these CEC documents.

Interdisciplinary work groups in Washington state, drawing on current literature and outcome data, used a consensus process with statewide participation to develop the scope of information covered in each CEC. Contributors to the CECs included family members, primary and tertiary care providers, third party payers, and specialty providers. Teams working with the Center for Children with Special Needs at Children's Hospital in Seattle (CHRM) developed most of the CECs. Six national experts in premature infant follow-up care additionally reviewed the CEC for the Low Birth Weight Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Graduate (developed by CHDD at UW and Mary Bridge Hospital & Health Center Neurodevelopmental Program).

## HOW MIGHT YOU USE THE CECs IN YOUR PRACTICE?

- To assist in early recognition of symptoms and diagnosis
- To review treatment and case management considerations
- To provide care management grids, where available, for individual patient charts

A number of Level III Nurseries in the state of Washington are participating in distribution of the Low Birth Weight NICU Graduate CEC. The health and neurodevelopmental surveillance grid from the CEC is being attached to the infants' NICU discharge summary and then sent to the primary care provider. Many primary care providers are placing the grid in the infant's chart as a health care reminder during well-child visits.

For a copy of the Low Birth Weight NICU Graduate CEC – call 253-403-5525 or download it from the Web at <http://depts.washington.edu/medhome/CEC/CEC.htm>

For copies of all other CECs:

- For one free copy of each – contact Kaye Smith Business Graphics at 1-800-859-5598 (ask for Karla Saunders)
- For more than one copy or for out-of-state orders – contact CHRM at 206-987-5310
- Or download them on the Web at <http://www.cshcn.org/resources/resources.htm>

## BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTIES RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT

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| ➤ <b>For children under age three:</b>     | Contact: Benton-Franklin Infant Toddler Program<br>Benton-Franklin Developmental Center | 509-946-5157<br>509-735-1062 |
| ➤ <b>For children age three and older:</b> | Contact: Local school district  |                              |

District:	Phone	District	Phone	District	Phone
Benton City	588-6724	Kennewick	585-3022	North Franklin	234-2021
Pasco	543-6700	Prosser	786-1820	Richland	942-2400

**SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:**

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| ➤ <b>Local:</b>                  | BFHD CSHCN Program/ Carol Miller   | 509-586-0207 ext 236   |
| ➤ <b>Regional:</b>               | Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center<br>Health Professional Hotline<br>Parent Resource Line   | 1-800-293-2462<br>1-866-987-2500   |
|                                  | Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies<br>(for a listing of your county's Lead FRC's)   | 1-800-322-2588, 1-800-833-6388 TTD<br><a href="http://www.hmhbwa.org">www.hmhbwa.org</a>   |
|                                  | Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program  | <a href="http://www.wa.gov/dshs/iteip/iteip.html">www.wa.gov/dshs/iteip/iteip.html</a>   |
|                                  | Parent to Parent Support Programs of Washington  | (800) 821-5927   |
|                                  | Washington State Fathers Network   | 425-747-4004 ext. 218<br><a href="http://www.fathersnetwork.org">www.fathersnetwork.org</a>  |
| ➤ <b>National/<br/>Internet:</b> | American Academy of Pediatrics<br>AAP Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics<br>American Academy of Family Physicians<br>Family Village (Extensive family resources for CSHCN)<br>Family Voices (Links to national and state family support networks) | <a href="http://www.aap.org">www.aap.org</a><br><a href="http://www.dbpeds.org/">www.dbpeds.org/</a><br><a href="http://www.aafp.org">www.aafp.org</a><br><a href="http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/">www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/</a><br><a href="http://www.familyvoices.org">www.familyvoices.org</a> |

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